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I. Basis of the report

The basis of this international preliminary examination is the application as originally filed.

Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or ٧. industrial applicability

In light of the documents cited in the international search report, it is considered that the invention as defined in at least some of the claims does not appear to meet the criteria mentioned in Article 33(1) PCT, i.e. does not appear to be novel and/or to involve an inventive step (see international search report, in particular the documents cited X and/or Y and corresponding claim references).